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To: US Patent and Trademark Office

Re: Application No.: 09/472,743

Ref: Response to OAS dated Dec 5, 2000

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please enter the enclosed substitute specification in lieu of the original specification for Application No. 09/472,743, into the case. This contains no new matter. This substitute specification incorporates the amendments mailed 8/29/2000.

Following is my response to the Claim objections in the OAS, dated 12/5/2000.

With regard to the claim rejection of Claims 1-3, based on 35 USC 112 (page 4.4, first and second paragraphs of the OAS), the amended claims have removed the language "plus or minus" (5 occurrences) in all instances and substituted the word "approximately" in each instance. I therefore respectfully request this Claim rejection to be withdrawn.

With regard to the above claim rejection of Claims 1-3, (page 5.6, first paragraph), the amended claims delete the statement "30 to 50%" and has been changed to "approximately 30%". I therefore respectfully request this Claim rejection to be withdrawn.

With regard to the claim rejection of Claims 1-7, based on 35 USC.102 (p. 6.10), the amended claims have had the "plus or minus" language removed and substituted with "approximately in each case, clarifying how the recitations define over the prior art of Latina 176 and 219. I therefore respectfully request this Claim rejection to be withdrawn.

With regard to the claim rejection of Claim 6, based on 35 USC.103 (p. 7.12): Since the amended Claim (now Claim 2 in the substitute specification) as well as Claim 3 follow from Claim 1, and would be deemed allowable with the approval of Claim 1, it is also requested that this rejection also be removed and the application be put in for condition of allowance.

Sincerely,

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